

Min Zhuang language

Min Zhuang is a recently described Tai language spoken in the Langheng (郎恒) area of Funing County, Yunnan, China, and possibly also southwestern Guangxi province. All speakers are reportedly bilingual in Yei Zhuang (also known as Guibian Zhuang or Sha), which is classified as Northern Tai (Johnson 2011a). The language was first described in 2011 by Eric C. Johnson of SIL International, though it had been earlier mentioned in Kullavanijaya and L-Thongkum (1998).

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Names

The Min Zhuang speakers of Guixun-Anhe call their language *kaŋ/min* / or *min ɻsɔŋ* / . Another Min Zhuang dialect is called *pu/min* / or *kən/min* / .

Classification

Johnson (2011b) reported Min Zhuang to share many features with Nong Zhuang, a Central Tai language. However, it is unintelligible with the more widely spoken Nong Zhuang, Yei Zhuang, and Dai Zhuang languages.

Distribution

Min Zhuang is spoken by about 2,600 people in 11 villages. With the exception of Shangmabu (上麻布), all of the following villages are purely made up of Min Zhuang speakers.

- Guixun-Anhe (贵训-安哈)
- Sankeshu (三颗数)^[3]
- Xionggu (雄估)^[4]
- Shangmabu (上麻布)^[5] - mixed with Nong Zhuang speakers

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	 Distribution of Min Zhuang
Geographic distribution of Min Zhuang	
Pronunciation	[mìn]
Native to	China
Region	Funing County, Yunnan; southwestern Guangxi (?)
Native speakers	170,000 (2004) ^[1]
Language family	Kra–Dai <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tai ▪ Central Tai ▪ Min Zhuang
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	zgm
Glottolog	minz1236 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/minz1236) ^[2]

- Tianfang (田房)^[6]
- Getao (戈桃)^[7]
- Gezao (戈造)^[8]
- Gecai (戈才)^[9]
- Bagan (叭干)^[10]
- Na'en (那恩)^[11]
- Longnong (龙弄)^[12]

Johnson (2011b) reports that Min Zhuang is also likely to be spoken in southwestern Guangxi.

Notes

1. Min Zhuang (<https://www.ethnologue.com/18/language/zgm/>) at Ethnologue (18th ed., 2015)
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8. <http://www.ynszxc.net/villagePage/vIndex.aspx?departmentid=230821>
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10. <http://www.ynszxc.net/villagePage/vIndex.aspx?departmentid=268475>
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